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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 27, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN T. SALAZAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. Wayne Graumann, Salem Lutheran Church, Tomball, Texas, offered the following prayer:

O Father in heaven, Your very name is holy; help us to speak it with reverence and awe. May we extend the boundaries of Your goodness to those around us, and may we trust that Your provision is all that we need for today and eternity. Bless us with what we need on a daily basis, since, without Your gifts, we are helpless. When we err, cleanse us with Your forgiving love, and may the forgiveness You offer motivate us to have a forgiving spirit toward those who harm us. Do not let us be led astray by greed or pride. Graciously keep watch over us so that the destructive forces may not overpower us. You are our majestic God; all things belong to You and all praise goes to You.

Your Son taught us this form of prayer, and therefore, I offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the grounds that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BRALEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 428. An act to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 107-12, the Chair announces, on behalf of the Majority Leader, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a mem-

ber of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board:

Trevor Whipple of Vermont, vice David E. Demag of Vermont.

WELCOMING REV. WAYNE GRAUMANN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MCCAUL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm always inspired by the fact that we begin our business here in the Congress with a prayer to God and a pledge to this great country.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man, a man of God, a man of faith, a man who has devoted his entire career, indeed his entire life, to the service of his fellow man. Pastor Wayne Graumann, who offered this morning's prayer for the House of Representatives, is revered, admired, and loved by all in his congregation and by all those whose life he has touched. He is the voice and the shepherd of Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, Texas.

Born in Granite, Oklahoma, Pastor Graumann became a pastor after completing his education at Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. He eventually accepted a calling from Salem Lutheran in Tomball, Texas, and has served and strengthened his flock there for the past three decades.

Pastor Graumann has been married to his wife, Kathy, for more than 36 years. They have been blessed with two children and two beautiful grandchildren. Pastor Graumann also spends countless hours working on world missions for the health and well-being of others, particularly in Honduras, Kenya, and Mexico.

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